

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

One of the many reasons that I love my job is the privilege of working with our students and staff. This week, I have just a few of the many examples of this that I am lucky enough to experience each day, and I wanted to share these with you. On Tuesday I was delighted to hear that 8 of our students from Creative Writing Club have had their stories published in a book for national sale as part of the Young Writers Integer Competition. What a fantastic achievement to be published authors before they have even left school! On Wednesday I was asked by some Year 7 students if we should do a collection across the school to support the local Food Bank, as they are aware that many more families may be needing to access this due to the increasing cost of living. For our youngest students to be so socially aware is heartening to see.

Friday 24th February 2023



Yesterday our Senior Prefects asked if they could hold an additional non-uniform day today, in order to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal to provide emergency help for those impacted by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. It says so much about our students that they feel empowered to approach us with such requests, and that their awareness and compassion compels them to want to do something to help those living in unimaginable conditions in those countries. Finally this week our staff and students requested that we observe the national minute's silence today at 11am to remember those who have lost their lives, families and homes, and to show solidarity with Ukraine. Again, it shows how as a community we support those in need locally and much further afield. Thank you for all you do to support us and to help us instil such wonderful values in our students. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Matthews.



### 'Young Writers - Integer' competition



Our talented creative writers received some excellent news - they are officially published authors! All 8 of our entries to the 'Young Writers - Integer' competition have been chosen for publication.

Well done to Emily M, Antonia K, Olivia D, Fraser M, Jack L, Sophie L, Alannah L and Mylee A. We cannot wait to read your next publication!

### Ski Trip Austria 2023

A group of 40 students were very fortunate to travel to Austria during February half term and enjoy fabulous skiing. We left school on Friday with a long journey ahead but with lots of excitement and anticipation on board! We travelled through the night and on Saturday started to see the fantastic mountains and loads of snow on our journey.



After making good time on Saturday morning we arrived at the Gasthaus Schontal, which was our home for the following week. It was all very welcoming and friendly and only a short drive to the slopes.

The next day was our first day of skiing, we skied the Austrian resort of Wildschonau-Alpbachtal which is part of the Ski Juwel. There were quite a few nervous people but once everyone got started the nerves went really quickly. The snow was absolutely fantastic during the whole week and the sun was shining every day! During the evenings we did lots of different activities including swimming and a pizza evening, finishing on the last evening with a ski presentation. Lots of medals for the winners were presented by the ski school.

Everyone had a great week and we all couldn't believe how fast the time had flown! Everywhere the students went, staff were told how amazing all the students had been. The trip was an incredible life experience, which all the students and staff will always remember. Thank you to all the staff and students on the trip for such a wonderful week!

**There are still a few places available on the 2024 trip. Remember all abilities welcome!**



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**EMMA CARROLL**



**Book of the Week**

It's the near-future and Britain is having yet another heatwave. Of course, the government have put in the normal curfews for this kind of weather and shops are forced to shut again. For Polly, it's the sort of heat that makes her do wild, out-of-character things just to cool down. Like face her fear of deep water. Essential when she and her brother have been sent to their Aunt's eco lakeside house for the summer. But Truthwater Lake is beginning to dry up. As the water level diminishes, a lost village emerges. Swimming over the rooftops at midnight, Polly dives down and is suddenly able to breathe, to hear church bells and bird song...Polly has discovered an underwater gateway...to the past!

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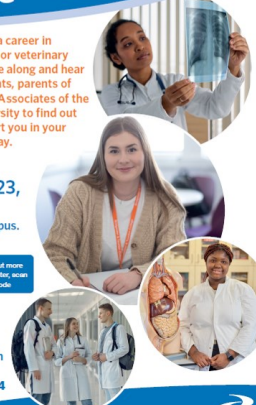
Are you looking for a career in medicine, dentistry, or veterinary science? If yes, come along and hear from medical students, parents of former IB students, Associates of the IB and Exeter University to find out how BTC can support you in your future career pathway.

**Thursday**  
16 March 2023,  
6pm-7:30pm  
at our Taunton Campus.



To find out more and register, scan the QR code.

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**  
For more information visit our website or call 01278 441234



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**COME AND ENJOY BREAKFAST**

In the Dining Hall, free to all students!  
Bagels (with various toppings) and a choice of breakfast cereals

Starting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 8:00-8:30am each day during term time

*Everyone Welcome!*

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**PE Update**

What an amazing couple of days we had before the end of term. Our brilliant sports leaders welcomed over 200 Year 1s to an amazing Multiskills Festival, that went superbly.

Then, several Year 11 OCR Sport students did a cracking job finalising Beech Grove's Healthy Active Lifestyle Week, delivering an amazing health and skill related fitness circuit to over 90 Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. All the leaders were outstanding throughout!

For all other Court Fields PE related news, please see our 'Courtfieldspe' Instagram account.



**Year 7 Friendly Netball CVL**

Lots of positive play and positional development for the girls this week. Onto the next Year 7 CVL in a couple of weeks time. Thanks to Bishop Fox's for hosting.




**Temporary change to School lunch break**

We will be making a temporary change to the timing of the lunch break for the whole School from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. This change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time.


**From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, lunch will be 12:30 – 13:00 (instead of the usual 13:30 – 14:00).**

All other times will remain the same.



**Mindful Moments**

Take a deep, full breath in. Breathe out as slowly and gently as you can, changing the shape of your mouth to **imaging you're fogging up a window** or mirror, or **trying to see your breathe on a cold day**. If you feel dizzy or light headed stop and let your breathing return to normal.



**DIARY DATES**

**27th February—10th March**  
Year 11 PPEs

**28th February**  
Year 10 Raising Aspirations Trip

**16th March**  
Year 8 Parents Evening

**17th March**  
Non-uniform for Comic Relief

**21st March**  
Years 8 & 9 HPV mop up

**22nd March**  
Year 10 Mock interviews

**31st March**  
Duke of Edinburgh expedition practice day

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